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SUBJECT: FRANCO-NIGERIEN AID AGREEMENT SIGNED

1. THE TENTH SESSION OF FRANCO-NIGERIEN COMMISSION OF COOPERATION MET IN NIAMEY FEB 4 AND 5. DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COOPERATION, JEAN-FRANCOIS DENIAU AND NIGERIEN MINISTER OF FINANCE, MOUDDOUR ZAKARA.

2. AGREEMENT EARMARKS FRENCH AID TO NIGER FOR 1974 AT 6.75 BILLION FRANCS CFA (27 MILLION DOLS US), AN INCREASE OVER 1973 OF 1.75 BILLION FRANCS CFA (7MILLION DOLS US). INCREASE WILL LARGELY BE USED FOR DOUGHT RELIEF. BREAKDOWN OF AID IS AS FOLLOWS: 2.45 BILLION FRNACS (9.8 MILLION DOLS US) FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER FONDS D'AIDE ET DE COOPERATION (FAC); 1 BILLION FRANCS (4.MILLION DOLS US) SUBSIDY TO THE NATIONAL INVESTMENT FUND; .9 BILLION FRANCS (3.6 MILLION DOLS US) FOR DROUGHT RELIEF, INCLUDING EMERGENCY FOOLD AND EQUIPMENT FOR WEATHER MODIFICATION; AND 42 MILGION FRANCA (168,000 DOLS US) FOR NIAMEY UNIVERSITY.

3. FINAL COMMUNIQUE NOTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT DESPITE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCE BY NIGER DUE TO THE DROUGHT, THE

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN NIGER AND FRANCE REMAINED
AT A SATISFACTORY LEVEL BUT THAT THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT
DECREASE IN THE PRODUCTION OF PEANUTS, NIGER'S MAJOR
EXPORT CROP SOLD LARGELY TO FRANCE.BUCHE

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